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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 8865

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU, IT

SUBJ: FMS CASE KU-SAE-P4, A-4KU AIRCRAFT FERRY TO KUWAIT

REFS: (A) ROME 8422 DTD 231135Z MAY 77; (B) KUWAIT 2917

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1. MFA INFORMED EMBASSY THIS MORNING THAT GOI MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE HAS CONCURRED IN MFA'S FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION ON
PERMISSION TO TRANSFER KUWAITI A-4'S AT SIGONELLA, GIVING
US GREEN LIGHT TO PROCEED.

2. IN RELAYING GOI'S CONCURRENCE, MFA WENT TO SOME PAINS TO
SPELL OUT THAT AFFIRMATIVE DECISION IS INTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE
THE U.S. AS AN ALLY AND KUWAIT AS A FRIENDLY ARAB STATE.

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HOWEVER, GOI HAS "OTHER INTERESTS IN THE AREA" (ONLY SPECIFIC
REFERENCE WAS TO IRAQ) THAT ITALY MUST LOOK TO. THUS SHOULD
SIGONELLA LATER BECOME CONTROVERSIAL OR DIFFICULT AS A
TRANSFER SITE, GOI ASSUMES U.S. AND GOK WOULD LOOK FOR
ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WERE GOI TO SO REQUEST. WE TOLD
MFA (ATTOLICO) THAT WE WOULD MAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF GOI
CONCERN IN REPORTING ITS COMPLIANCE WITH OUR REQUEST.

3. IN ABSENCE OF WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO KUWAIT'S
RECOMMENDATION (REF B) WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE NEED FOR
SIGONELLA TRANSFERS, WE MENTIONED NOTHING OF THIS POSSIBLILTY
TO ATTOLICO. IN THE EVENT, SHOULD IT BE DECIDED TO MAKE
FUTURE TRANSFERS ELSEWHERE, EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE
VOLUNTEER NOTHING TO THE GOI REGARDING THE SWITCH. IN
UNLIKELY EVENT GOI WERE TO INQUIRE, WE WOULD REPLY IN
GENERAL TERMS THAT CHANGED OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS DICTATED
TRANSFERS AT ANOTHER SITE BUT THAT WE WANT TO KEEP THE
SIGONELLA OPTION OPEN FOR CONTINGENCIES.GARDNER

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